



March 27, 2022
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00am

Prelude *I Leave All Things in God's Direction** J.S. Bach

Welcome

Hymn *O Bless the Lord, My Soul!* Hymn 411
(vs. 3 women, vs. 4 men)

O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind.

(Women)

He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise
and ready to abate.

(Men)

He pardons all thy sins,
prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities
and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love,
upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews
the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

A Penitential Order

Clergy Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.
Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.
Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.
Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.
Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness against your neighbor.
Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Lord have mercy on us, and write all these laws on our hearts, we pray.

Clergy

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Hymn

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding-place.

Lord, sup with us in love divine
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property

with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader:

Let us return with all our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Silence

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice. In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of Zion Episcopal Church in Greene and their priest, the Very Rev. David Hanselman. We also pray for the people of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Hamilton and their priest, the Rev. Brooks Cato. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of Misión San Rafael Arcángel, Santa Ana and their priest, the Rev. Alfredo López. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Southern Virginia and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo, and we pray also for the Karen communities

of our own Diocese of Central New York, especially those worshipping at Church of the Saviour, Syracuse and Grace Church, Utica. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

We pray that in the wilderness of the world the church may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That all people will tend to the healing of your creation, so the whole earth provides abundantly for generations yet to come. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who control worldly power and shape human wisdom may attend to the law of God and respond to the needs of the lowly. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That nations share resources of food and medicine and knowledge, and so transform the earth from a battlefield into a garden of peace. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who face insult or degradation because of race, religious belief, sexual orientation, or political conviction, may be supported by disciples of the Lord. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who are struggling with illness or addiction, or are homebound, or facing surgery, may find you to be a source of healing and strength. Especially we name, either silently or aloud _____ . In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That the departed who have gone to their rest, may hear the voice of Jesus calling them forth to life and resurrection, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

Clergy:

Almighty and eternal God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Clergy The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Roland Martin
(from Cello Suite No. 1 by J.S. Bach)

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Great Thanksgiving Continues

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The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Music at Communion

Ab, Holy Jesus

J.S. Bach

The Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Guide, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* J.S. Bach

**Music notes - Music of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750) is featured today. Bach was one of a prominent family of musicians in the Baroque period and 3 of his 21 children also became prominent musicians in the Classical period. The offertory is a very creative arrangement featuring Bach's Cello Suite No. 1 as the accompaniment on the keyboard, while the choir sings a familiar hymn. Bach's organ music is a fundamental staple of any organist's repertoire. He was also a virtuoso organist, who inspired fellow composer, Dietrich Buxtehude, to once walk 100 miles to hear Bach play!*

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Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart
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